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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

OKAMURA et al

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For: IFN-GAMMA PRODUCTION

INDUCING PROTEIN AND MONO-) CLONAL ANTIBODY OF THE SAME) Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: D. Fitzgerald

Washington, D.C.

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Atty.Docket: OKAMURA=2B

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend as RECEIVED

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 23 (amended), lines 8-10, delete ", and wherein said monoclonal antibody-enables-the immunoaffinity purification of said protein to a purity of at least 95% with a yield of nearly 100%".

Claim 26, line 1, replace "forming" with --producing -- .

Claim 28, line 3, replace "forming" with --producing--;

line 4, replace "formed" with --produced--.

Claim 32, line 1 replace "method" with --process-- and

replace "31" with --28--.

Claim 35, line 1, replace "method" with --process-- and replace-"34" with --28--.